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Bernadotte everted Prince Royal of Sweden —Count Wnuln's overtures to JUenuulotte—BiTiulott^'s three days' visit to Hamburg—Particulars, respecting the hatth\* of Wagram — Se,rr<>t order of the day -Last intercourse of the Prince lloyul of Sweden with Napoleon —My advice to J>er-nadotte respecting the Continental System — ANNEX.

I NOW come to out\* of the\* periods of my lift\* to which I look back with most s:itisfiu.'tioii,—the time when tternadotte was with me in Hamburg. I will briefly relate the. series of events whie.h led the opposer of the 18th Krumaire to the throne of Sweden.

On the 13th of Mareh, 1809, GiiHtavus Adolphus was arrested, and his uncle, the Duke of Sudermania, provisionally took the reins of Government. A few days afterwards Gus-tavuB published his act of abdication, which, in the, state of Sweden it was impossible, for him to refuse. In May following, the. Swedish I Met having been convoked at. Stockholm, the Duke of Sudermania wan elected King, Christian Augustus, the, only son of that monarchy of course became. Prince Roysil on the accession of his father to tin\* throne. He, however, died suddenly at the end of May, 1810, ami Count Person <sup>1</sup> (the same\* who at the Court of Marie Antoinette was distinguished by the appellation of *fa bruit Ft'iwn*), wan massitercd by the populace, who suspoctml, perhaps unjustly, that he had been accessory to the Princes death. On the 21st of August following Bernadottn wan elected Prince Royal of Sweden.

After the death of the Prince 'Royal the Duke of Sudermaniti's Bon, Count Wrede, a Swede, made the first overtures to Berna-dottt\*-, and announced to him the intention entertained at

\* Count Kcnum, allayed to !>nv« tw»ari oi»« of tli« favowd lovers c>f Mitrio Antoinottis and wh«» wa?\* certainly <I«'i\*|t in her €i>tilldeiee, had arrantc<\*d most of the detail\* <>f th« ntti'mpti^i flight to V\*raitn«ii in I7UI, and iIP hhn-mlt drove tho Hoyal family tli«ir first, stupi to the gatw of Pads. Sue Thlers's *ttevolution*, vol. I. |K i?2» nitd </aii\*|wn» tome II, |». 100.